

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING SONIA CULVER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sonia Culver of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Sonia is the President of Enrichment Therapies, a company that provides speech and developmental therapy services, and she has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Emerging Leader Award.

As a speech-language pathologist and developmental therapist, Sonia has worked closely in the community to aid children and families facing speech and language challenges as well as the problems associated with autism. Sonia contracts with school districts to provide training and case management to speech implementers. She is also the Co-Founder of Connecting the Pieces, a seminar that is designed to help educators and families learn about Autism Spectrum disorders. Sonia is also on the Regional Inter-agency Coordinating Council for First Steps and is the author of a book series to be published in 2007, focusing on eliciting speech and language from children.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Sonia Culver. Her commitment to speech therapies and enhancing the quality of life for children and families is highly appreciated. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

ALTERNATIVE PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL THERAPIES EN- HANCEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2006

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this bill, the Alternative Pluripotent Stem Cell Therapies Enhancement Act. In this bill, Congress is overreaching its authority. The Federal Government already permits this research, through a merit based peer review process led by the scientific community. Congress should not be directing research in which we do not have expertise; we are not scientists.

ON THE FIRST ANNUAL UW SUMMER WASHINGTON PROGRAM

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Wisconsin, the

Political Science Department, and the student participants on the creation and completion of the first annual UW Summer Washington Program. This invaluable opportunity was made possible by the generous support of many UW alumni.

The 15 undergraduate students were selected through a competitive application process and are interning in various offices on Capitol Hill. They are gaining experience in legislative offices, lobbying firms, the Department of Justice, and several foreign policy offices, while also participating in a Political Science course. Guest speakers and hosts, all of whom are UW alumni, have been in attendance at each class session offering priceless and practical advice to the students.

This program would not have been possible without the support of the Wisconsin alumni who have helped in funding, organizing social events, and speaking to the class. The UW Foundation, in collaboration with the Department of Political Science, has worked with alumni to get this program off the ground in hopes that it will be available to future undergraduate students. The goal of this program is to establish a permanent presence for the University of Wisconsin in Washington, DC.

I am proud to rise today to pay tribute to the establishment of this exceptional opportunity. It is truly an honor for me to represent the students, the alumni, and the University of Wisconsin on this occasion, and wish them the best of luck in the successful continuation of this important program.

TRIBUTE TO THE GRAND CANYON CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

HON. J.D. HAYWORTH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Grand Canyon Chapter of the American Red Cross as they celebrate 90 years of service in Arizona.

Since 1916, the American Red Cross Grand Canyon Chapter, headquartered in Phoenix, is where the people of Arizona come together to help one another. The passionate volunteers and staff who make up the Grand Canyon Chapter provide care, comfort and lifesaving skills to millions of people in Arizona. Volunteers serve their neighbors throughout the 10 counties in the northern two-thirds of Arizona, a population of 4.5 million.

Arizonans benefit from programs that provide meaningful assistance and lift the spirit of individuals and families throughout our communities. The chapter is a leader in water safety instruction. I am particularly proud of their "Water Whiz Kids" program, which teaches backyard pool safety to children and also provides infant and child CPR training to their parents.

Within my district, the Grand Canyon Chapter is there when a disaster strikes thousands,

and when it strikes only one. In May of this year, in the wake of the Tradewinds Apartment fire in Mesa, Red Cross volunteers assisted 34 families, served 400 meals, and distributed 125 comfort kits. Another local emergency response was the Cave Creek Complex Fire last year where 36 Red Cross volunteers opened a shelter and provided 23 residents with meals and comfort kits.

The American Red Cross Grand Canyon Chapter has also played an instrumental role in assisting after national disasters outside Arizona, including Hurricane Katrina. Last year, over 100 Red Cross volunteers from Arizona deployed to the gulf coast to help with the disaster response. The Grand Canyon Chapter also operated a national call center for disaster victims throughout the country. Impressively, with only 30 hours advance notice, the Chapter organized "Operation Good Neighbor Shelter" at Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum, helping more than 1,000 Hurricane Katrina evacuees in our State last year. These evacuees were displaced and relocated from the gulf coast, suddenly finding themselves hundreds of miles from their homes, yet upon their arrival, they were the recipients of the warm "compassion in action" that exemplifies the Red Cross volunteer and the spirit of Arizonans: good neighbors helping new neighbors during drastic times.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me to honor and recognize the American Red Cross Grand Canyon Chapter on its 90th birthday. With congratulations and gratitude for the excellent work they do to enrich our lives, I am pleased to recognize their service to our communities throughout the great State of Arizona.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcalls Nos. 394–396, I was not present in the House due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to explain how I would have voted on July 24, 2006, during rollcall votes Nos. 394, 395 and 396 during the second session of the 109th Congress.

Rollcall vote No. 394 was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 1496.

Rollcall vote No. 395 was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, S. 203.

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